(c) whether Government have considered that the setting up of the tallest TV tower at Rameswaram is not likely to be useful for the viewers in view of the larger area being covered by the sea; and

(d) whether Government have any other major plan for the setting up of a TV tower in the middle of Tamil Nadu to cover the majority districts for the benefit of the viewers ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K L BHAGAT): (a) to (d) The Seventh Plan of Doordarshan, *inter alia*, includes schemes for the establishment of high power (10 KW) TV transmitters with transmitting antennae mounted on 300 mt high towers at a number of places in the country including one at Rameswaram. The project at Rameswaram has been approved at an estimated cost of Rs 345.70 lakhs and the transmitter when commissioned into service is expected to provide service within a range of about 140 Kms. The coverage area of this transmitter over the sea is sought to be minimised by a suitable design of the antenna system.

Besides the high power transmitter at Rameswaram, schemes for the establishment of 2 low power (100 W) TV transmitters, one each at Cuddalore and Tirunelveli and 3 transpowers, one each at Udagamandalam, Courtallam and Udamalpet are under implementation in Tamil Nadu as part of the approved Seventh Plan. On commissioning of these transmitters and transposers, TV service is expected to be available to about 88 per cent population of Tamil Nadu and all the districts in the State would then be covered by TV service, either wholly or partially.

Government contribution towards the share capital of N. C. C. F.

*232 SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:
SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH.

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently contributed a sum of Rs. 1.10 crore towards the share capital of NCCF;

(b) if so, what are the conditions on which the amount has been released;

(c) whether these conditions have been complied within the stipulated period; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor stating the action taken by Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The assistance has been sanctioned on the condition that there will be no slippage in sales, economy measures to the tune of Rs. 1 crore would be effected, recovery of Rs 1 crore would be made from sundry debtors account, and utilisation of funds is properly monitored and this assistance is not adjusted against any outstanding bank loan

(c) The conditions at (b) above were stipulated to be implemented in Cooperative Year which was then due to end on 30.6.1989.

(d) Does not arise.

Assistance to Uttar Pradesh for maiptenance of revenue records

*233. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Uttar Pradesh have sought Rs. one thousand crores from Centre to

maintain revenue records, their computerisation, lamination of records and aerial survey; and

(b) if so, what is the decision taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

दिल्ली में औद्योगिक मजदूरों के लिए न्यूनतम मजदूरी

*234 श्री सन्तोष बागड़ोदिया: क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली के विभिन्न औद्योगिक मजदूर संगठनों ने 1050 रुपये मासिक न्यूनतम मजदूरी की मांग के समर्थन में न्यूनतम मजदूरी सलाहकार बोर्ड को हाल ही में एक ज्ञापन दिया है, और

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार की इस पर क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

श्रम मंत्री (श्री बिन्देश्वरी दुबे): (क) और (ख) : जी, नहीं। तथापि। विभिन्न कर्मचारियों/नियोक्ता एसोसिएशनों/यूनियनों से न्यूनतम मजदूरी की प्रस्तावित दरों के बारे में दिल्ली प्रशासन द्वारा प्राप्त सुझावों/आक्षपों को सघ राज्य क्षेत्र दिल्ली के न्यूनतम मजदूरी सलाहकार बोर्ड की 20 1.89 को हुई बैठक के समक्ष रखा गया । चूंकि न्यूनतम मजदूरी सलाहकार बोर्ड ने कोई निर्णय नहीं लिया है, अतः सरकार की प्रतिक्रिया का प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Disparity in the intake of fertilizers

*235. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI
SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rate of intake of fertilizers per hectare in the Eastern Sector is lower as compared to the Northern Sector; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and what is the effect thereof on the overall National Production level of agricultural products particularly foodgrains and oilseeds?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BHAJAN LAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The reasons for low consumption of fertilisers in the Eastern Sector include poor resource capability of the farmers, difficulty in transportation of fertilisers to interior and hilly areas and the need for scientific nutrient management through proper water management.

Several Thrust Programmes are being implemented to increase production of foodgrains and oilseeds in the Eastern Sector.

Anomaly in fees paid to casual Announcers/News readers of the AIR and Doordarshan

*236. SHRI T. R. BALU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an anomaly between the fees paid to